

House Resolution 222

By: Representatives Wilkinson of the 52nd, Keen of the 179th, Porter of the 143rd, Hugley of the 133rd, Burkhalter of the 50th, and others

A RESOLUTION

- 1 Commending Mr. Gerald Bryant on the occasion of his retirement; and for other purposes.
- 2 WHEREAS, Mr. Gerald Bryant has been an indispensable asset to the State of Georgia as
3 managing editor of *Lawmakers*, GPTV's coverage of the Georgia legislature, which
4 Georgians throughout the state depend upon to keep them informed on the latest issues being
5 addressed under the Gold Dome; and
- 6 WHEREAS, with over 37 years of experience, his many accolades include 13 regional
7 Emmys, a New York film festival silver medal, a national Headliner award, two Gabby
8 awards from the Georgia Association of Broadcasters, and two international awards from the
9 Broadcast Promotion Association; and
- 10 WHEREAS, after graduating from the University of Louisville in 1969, Mr. Bryant served
11 as a photographer, reporter, producer, assistant news director, and eventually promotion
12 director for an NBC network affiliate and was also a movie critic, promotion director, and
13 executive news producer for the CBS and ABC affiliates in Louisville; and
- 14 WHEREAS, in 1981, Mr. Bryant and his family moved to Atlanta where he worked at
15 Turner Broadcasting, serving as a senior producer, and in 1984 began working at Georgia
16 Public Television (GPTV); and
- 17 WHEREAS, he has been the recipient of an Iris award, an Owl award, and the Georgia
18 Association of Educators' "School Bell" award and has been recognized by the Associated
19 Press; and
- 20 WHEREAS, while in Louisville, he produced television coverage of court-ordered busing
21 that won the Edward R. Murrow Award; and

1 WHEREAS, the Society of Professional Journalists has acknowledged Mr. Bryant's work
2 at the Green Eyeshade awards in 2001 and 2002 and was honored with the 2003 History in
3 the Media Award presented by the Georgia Historical Society for his work on the
4 documentary "Georgia's Civil War"; and

5 WHEREAS, he is an especially talented mentor for young journalists and aspiring television
6 professionals and has trained numerous interns on the set of *Lawmakers*, helping them to
7 improve writing skills, hone journalistic instincts, and present news in a balanced and
8 unbiased manner; and

9 WHEREAS, Mr. Bryant has provided an exceptional service to the State of Georgia and has
10 shown an inspirational dedication to the mission of the fourth estate and to the spirit of
11 democracy; and his magnanimous presence will be sorely missed; and

12 WHEREAS, it is fitting and proper that this body express gratitude for his objectivity in his
13 coverage of the General Assembly and for his intense friendship that did not compromise his
14 professionalism.

15 NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES that
16 the members of this body join together to recognize Mr. Gerald Bryant for his brilliant
17 career in the media, commend him for his outstanding work on *Lawmakers* at the Capitol,
18 and extend him the best of wishes for his near and distant future.

19 BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Clerk of the House of Representatives is authorized
20 and directed to transmit an appropriate copy of this resolution to Mr. Gerald Bryant.